

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on July 18, 2008 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on July 18, 2008. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Reason for Allowance

2. Claims 34-40, 42 and 67-82 are allowed over prior art.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As indicated in the previous office action, claim 43 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has canceled previously rejected claims 22-33 and 44-66, and objected to claim 43. In addition, Applicant has amended previously rejected independent claim 34 to include the previously indicated allowable subject matter of now canceled claim 43.

The prior art fail to teach or suggest with respect to independent claim 34, 67 and 75, refraining from reducing the quantity of information transmitted via the communication network, if voice activity is determined not to be below the predetermined level.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prenell P. Jones whose telephone number is 571-272-3180. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Wing Chan can be reached on 571-272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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